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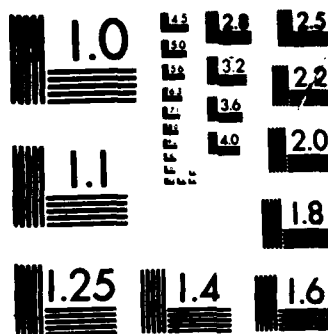
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Recently, the conformations of fragments of the polycarbonate of 2,2'-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane (hereafter abbreviated PC) have been the subject of several detailed studies in which quantum chemical<sup>1,2</sup> and molecular mechanical<sup>3,5,7</sup> methods have been used. The rotational isomeric state (RIS) model for this chain molecule has not been revised accordingly, and Williams and Flory's<sup>6</sup> RIS scheme is usually used unchanged.<sup>8,12</sup> It seems appropriate and timely to incorporate the newer structural and conformational data into a revised RIS model.

Based mainly on the data provided by Bicerano and Clark<sup>1</sup> and Perez and Scaringe<sup>7</sup> we formulate the following RIS model; all torsion angles are zero in the planar ("zig-zag") conformation depicted in Figure 1. Geometric data is collected in Table 1. Statistical weight matrices and the associated sets of torsion angles are shown in Table 2.

The limiting unperturbed mean-square end-to-end distance of PC, calculated with this RIS model, is

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \langle r^2 \rangle_0 / M = 0.85 \text{ \AA}^2 \text{ mol g}^{-1}$$

This compares favorably to the reported experimental values of  $0.75 \text{ \AA}^2 \text{ mol g}^{-1}$  (light scattering<sup>12</sup>),  $0.87 \text{ \AA}^2 \text{ mol g}^{-1}$  ( $[\eta]$ <sup>12</sup>), and  $0.98 \text{ \AA}^2 \text{ mol g}^{-1}$  (light scattering<sup>13</sup>).

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TABLE 1: Geometric Data

Bond Number	"Real" Length, \AA	RIS Bond Length, \AA
1	1.54	4.30
2	1.54	4.30
*	2.76	(Phenyl rings included in $t_1, t_2$ )
3	1.41	1.41
4	1.33	1.33
5	1.33	1.33
6	1.41	1.41

Bond Angles, degrees	
$\pi - \phi_1$	109.8
$\pi - \phi_2$	117.7
$\pi - \phi_3$	105.8
$\pi - \phi_4$	117.7

TABLE 2: RIS Parameters

At ca. Room Temperature

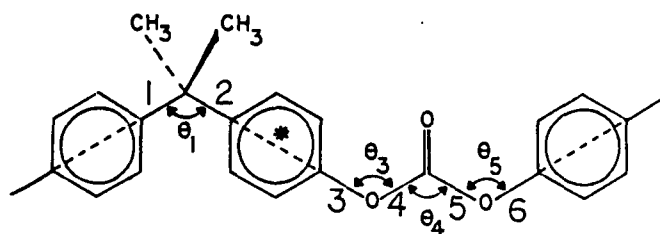
Bond Number i	$(\phi_i)$ , degrees	$U_i$
1	45, 135, 225, 315	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
2	45, 135, 225, 315	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
3	45, 135, 225, 315	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
4	0, 180	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma \\ 1 & \gamma \\ 1 & \gamma \\ 1 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$
5	0, 180	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \gamma \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
6	45, 135, 225, 315	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

where  $\gamma = \exp(-500/T)$  with T in K.

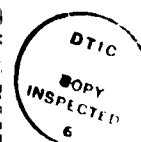
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FIGURE 1



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